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Searching of Vector Quantization Codevectors Used For Coding a

**Speech Signal** 

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- 1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. A listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
- 3. Copies of the cited documents (AR1-AT1); and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

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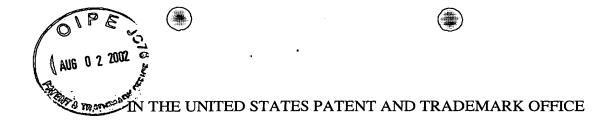
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